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Dear Chip,

Aftere you left we drove to Dutch's Daughter only to learn what I should not have forgotten, that Saturday is the one day they are closed for lunch. We'll go there are sonn as convenient.

I've bee planning to resume work on what I paid aside soon after the Stone movie was out, a manuscript on the Commission's counsels, Honorable Men. Which is what they said they were in reaction to his movie. In thinking about that this morning I remembered what Russell's assistant, CEC, was it Campbell? wrote Russell in reporting to him on my books Russell had given him to read. When I first read what he told Russell that I said about the members depending on the staff too much I got the impression that in retrospect Russell may have said that. That made me wonder whether you may want to use that. This relates to the SBT, I think.

In thinking about that further, I wondered if you might want to use some of what he said about what I'd written and about the SBT. It strikes me as rather unusual that the thinking of a member of the Commission and that of the first books critical of the Commission were so close ~~alikex~~ alike.

He then had the first three of the Whitewash series and O in NO. It was because Garrison wrote a foreword for that that Russell made the comment he did.

It happens that I had nothing todo with that foreword, that the publisher had asked it of him, and because he delayed it the book was delayed.

If the Parkland records on Connally when he was admitted and treated are available, and with hin dead I suspect there is no privacy consideration, I think you ough to look at two things that should be in them and the Commission ignored, the size of th hole in his thigh and of that fragment and the one in his chest from the X-rays. Perry told me the hole was small, from a fragment, not even a small bullet, and Frazier testified that when he first saw 399 metal extruded from the base, as ~~ix~~ I think I saw in a picture, and that he cut - and this is from our desposition of him- a core specimen out for testing. That he cut a cone out is visible in the pictures. He needed only one mm, postage-stamp weight. On deposition he could not testify to the weight of what he cut out or to what had ~~ahhep~~ happened to the excess. He did not testify to that before the Commission. He testified to cutting a jacket specimen out only. When we showed him the shirt collar picture he testified that he had the same question I had about that damage not coming from a bullet and asked for a hair and fibers examination. They were to have given us that but did not and gave us an obviously irrelant memo he'd written, not Cunningham, who was to have made that examination.

I think that if you put those things together with Carrico added you'll have some of extraordinary power and proof.

Remember there are clear pictures of the shirt and tie the Archives had to make for me but would not give me copies of. Marshall nixxed that. I think you should ask for that and if refused get Jim to take that to court after your documentary is about done. I have diclosed pictures in color of the blood and gore in my pictures file and you can get them at the Archives, Those pictures I asked for have none of that. They have evidentiary value only. What carrico told me about how it was cut off, in BM, fits well with those pictures. They confirm him. Remember also, and you can get this from the Archives as you saw it in NA!, that the tie pictures the FBI gave the Commission do not even show the clear pattern. Look at FBI Exhibit 60 in PM and you'll see the difference.

Nobody has used what I put together. Feel Free!

I have a Cooper letter saying he never agreed with the SBT, too, I think you have the oral history. If not I do.

I also have the court reporter records, its and the Commissions, and at the end of the 1/22/64 ex. sess. transcript in BM, 475 ff., they say they had agreed to have all those sessions recorded. Not that one of Russell's. No reporter there. That phony transcipt is in WW IV.

I do not insist on credit but I believe that if you can work in what was published and public the indictment is ever so much greater because it was all ignored by the government and by the media. Including HSCA.

The postage-stamp weight is from our deposition of Gallagher.

Gary Mack at The Sixth Floor may have the ~~community~~ Connally medical records. If not maybe the city archive does.

Best,
Harold